

LAAC North Stars 2017-18

February 2018 – Updates to North Stars based on LAAC Discussion

Policy Areas	North Star	SMART Goals (August 2017)	Updated SMART Goals (February 2018)	Key Changes
Authorization and Oversight	Sections of the District Required Language (DRL) that limit or threaten educators' ability to focus their time and resources on providing a high-quality education to LA students are removed or modified.	- Remove or substantially modify, at minimum, four high-priority DRL concerns by September 2017, prioritizing language that: - Provides for unlawful charter revocation; - Sets the groundwork for expansive, opaque OIG oversight; - Requires alternative dispute resolution; - Limits long-term facilities use agreements.	<i>Secure one board-approved DRL for all with charter-supported applicable policies addendum and path forward for other necessary policy updates; or we will submit petitions without DRL for next year's application cycle.</i> April 3, 2018: LAUSD Board approves DRL Applicable Policies, including prioritization of a short list of policies to be updated with meaningful input from the charter community. If staff recommendation for applicable policies does not reflect charter community input, coordinate turnout at board meeting in opposition to recommendation. April 3, 2018 or June 2018: LAUSD Board approves universal DRL for all authorized charter schools, thereby removing DRL negotiations from the charter renewal process and preventing unilateral updates to DRL by LAUSD staff. If the LAUSD board does not approve DRL for all and staff are still making modifications without transparency, organize collective action so that all schools submitting new and renewing petitions submit without any DRL, asking the District to move to one DRL for all with board approval. This could also be our backstop if the board will not agree to revisit authorizing policy, and if we have no clear path forward to achieve facilities goals.	<i>This column to be updated to highlight key changes for LAAC members.</i>
Authorization and Oversight	Oversight of charter schools is efficient for both LAUSD and educators, centered on student learning, and promotes a collaborative relationship between charter schools and their authorizer.	LAUSD's Board directs the Superintendent to implement the District's current oversight and authorization policy with fidelity, focusing on student success with an emphasis on <i>(the specific emphasis to be decided w/ LAAC input, likely including: revised comparison schools,</i>	<i>Secure a clear, time-bound process for authorizing and oversight policy to be updated with input from LAAC oversight committee; or we will submit petitions without DRL for next year's application cycle.</i> <i>Secure updated charter renewal criteria that emphasizes student academic achievement, or we will submit petitions without DRL for next year's application cycle that consistently include CCSA' accountability framework.</i>	

		<i>differentiated renewal and oversight process for schools, consistent oversight scores, etc.) by January 1, 2018.</i> If necessary, secure change of leadership for LAUSD CSD and support this need with data showing ineffective, inefficient, and inconsistent CSD performance by June 30, 2018.	April 3, 2018: LAUSD Board approves Applicable Policies with commitment to revising Board Policy on Charter School Authorization to improve fidelity to student-centered oversight practices with a deadline of June 2018 for a board vote. Turn out in opposition at board meeting if staff recommendation does not reflect goal described above. Secure commitment from the District that LAAC authorization and oversight working group will be the charter working group involved in updating the authorization and oversight policy. April 3, 2018 Deadline: LAUSD charter school leaders complete revised Oversight survey to document current-year changes and pain points reflecting updated NACSA framework for use during working session with LAUSD on Board Policy on Charter School Authorization. May 8, 2018 Deadline: LAUSD Charter school leaders share with CCSA oversight evaluations from 17-18 to document inconsistencies. June 2018 or August 2018: LAUSD Board approves revised Board Policy on Charter School Authorization with an emphasis on recommitting to policies that are agreed upon but not being implemented with fidelity (student-centered, efficient, differentiated), and updates on Special Education, Renewal and potentially Facilities portions. (We likely do not want to address facilities in this working group.) Alternative: June 2018, new and renewing petitioners submit petitions with no DRL in protest asking for updated authorizing policies to create a more predictable, transparent, accountable authorizing environment. June 2018: LAUSD board approves updated charter renewal criteria modeled after CCSA's accountability framework that emphasizes student academic outcomes as the most important consideration for renewal. (This could be through the working group, if that is a viable path forward.) If this is not achieved, renewing and new petitioners will submit charter petitions without LAUSD DRL and that consistently include CCSA's academic accountability	
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Relationship Building	The Los Angeles charter community establishes and maintains a leading voice informing LAUSD policy decisions with the new school board in place so that students and parents are at the forefront of District decision making.	- LA charter leaders host bi-monthly meetings with a minimum of five LAUSD board members or their staff throughout the entire 2017-18 school year focused on relationship building and policy priorities. - LA charter leaders meet with Superintendent King on a quarterly basis beginning in the Fall of 2017 focused on relationship building and policy priorities. - LA charter leaders continue monthly meetings with the LAUSD Charter Schools Division.	<i>Leverage strategic opportunities and relationships with LAUSD staff to move our LAAC priorities.</i> March-April 2018: with leadership from CCSA, LA charter leaders will leverage LAUSD's search for the next superintendent to put forth a vision for the future of the district that highlights the charter community's record of success and draws attention to LAAC priorities. Ongoing: LA charter leaders host bi-monthly meetings with four LAUSD board members or their staff throughout the entire 2017-18 and 2018-19 school year, intentionally focused on moving forward the priorities of the LAAC. Ongoing: LA charter leaders will work to establish relationship with LAUSD board members who are not known charter-supporters, but who align on key issues with the charter community, intentionally focused on moving forward the priorities of the LAAC. 2018-19 Goal: LA charter leaders will identify additional LAUSD staff leaders, such as local area superintendents, to target for strategic relationship building that is focused on furthering LAAC priorities.	
Facilities, Measure Q	State and local charter school bond dollars are allocated in a manner that is transparent and consistent with the long-term facilities needs of charter schools.	- Secure passage of an LAUSD Board resolution that establishes a concrete plan/program for the use of remaining Measure Q charter bond dollars - Lay the groundwork for charter inclusion in future LAUSD bonds.	<i>Monitor and prepare for potential district bond recognizing its leverage for long-term facilities access and other key facilities agreements.</i> March 2018: Finalize the framework for the charter community's bond inclusion proposal so we are prepared to negotiate for a 2018 or 2020 bond, recognizing it as a potential necessary backstop to achieve long-term facilities use goals below.	

Facilities, Long-Term Agreements	Los Angeles charter school families have access to long-term, stable, District facilities that are equipped to support the learning needs of all students.	• Partner with LAUSD Board Members and staff to establish 3 long-term facilities use agreements between the District and charter schools by June 30, 2018. • Partner with LAUSD to establish a public database which houses pertinent information about all District facilities such as, student capacity, number of classrooms, amount of shared space, and past and present occupants. • Leverage data around unused and underutilized LAUSD facilities to support a proposal to consolidate, lease, and/or sell LAUSD facilities to charter schools. • Lay the groundwork for charter use of Prop 51 dollars on long-term facilities.	<i>Secure the necessary policy change so that long-term facilities offers are made during the 2018-19 school year to be implemented during the 2019-20 school year and the Prop. 39 process is compliant, equitable and transparent.</i> • By June 30 or November 1, 2018 LAUSD adopts official District policy whereby long-term facilities use agreements between the District and charter schools are made for the 2019-20 school year, likely through an RFP process. This will lay the groundwork for charter operators to bring financial resources to bear on public facilities, such as Prop. 51. • By June 30 or November 1, 2018 LAUSD creates a public database containing accurate and independently verifiable information about all District facilities such as, student capacity, number of classrooms, amount of shared space, and past and present occupants. • By June 30 or November 1, 2018 LAUSD creates a clear mechanism for third-party oversight of facilities use agreements such as an independent committee. • By June 1, 2019: The LAUSD board passes a resolution that re-envision how LAUSD facilities are allocated between all public schools (potentially leveraging data to master plan around unused and underutilized LAUSD facilities to support a proposal to consolidate, lease, and/or sell LAUSD facilities to charter schools.)	
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